REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Picture 9

Other Known Title: Simpsons 792. jpeg

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Christchurch

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *Picture 9* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it tends to support both the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and bestiality. It does this by depicting sexual activity between a cartoon dog and child in a manner that is intended to be entertaining and amusing.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that tend to support both the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and bestiality.